

**MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING
OF THE
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

July 9, 2014

The Officers' Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by the Moderator, Michelle Vacca, at 4:30 p.m. on July 9, 2014.

Members present were: Marilyn Bellesheim, Leone D'Onofrio, Mary Delisio, Russell Ryan, William Sisco, John Toscano, Michelle Vacca and Dianne Vumback.

Absent: Shannon Earle

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Marilyn Bellesheim to accept the Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2014 with corrections.

VOTED: That the Board accepts the Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2014 with corrections. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Russ Ryan to accept the draft of the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes with

corrections.

VOTED: That the Board accepts the draft of the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes with corrections. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

BEACH UPDATE

George Maynor, Beach Manager gave the board an update:

- **Benson Avenue bath house is completely done.**
- **The elevator has been acting up after 3 weeks - door flaps on its own. Hal said it is a computer board and that part is on backorder.**
- **Toilets have been clogging frequently – high usage.**
- **Lawton bathrooms finished – just waiting on elevator to complete the bath house.**
- **Lifeguard employment situation – two of our lifeguards are gone as of July 28th (one for 12 days, one for 8).**
- **A comment was made that no one was checking car passes as they enter the lot. George assured everyone that they are indeed checking all car passes upon entrance and periodically throughout the day.**
- **The bills for the shower and the bathrooms - \$2,000.**

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Russ Ryan that we pay \$720 for two welcome signs for the Lawton and Benson

beaches.

VOTED: That the Board pays \$720 for two welcome signs for the Lawton and Benson beaches. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

The moderator informs the board that another fire department bill was found in the amount of \$4,351 pending payment. In addition, a \$1,560 bill for the Southern League is overdue.

TAX ASSESSOR

Leone D'Onofrio updated the board on the tax rate.

- Land assessments went down slightly (\$100,000)**
- Building assessment went up close to 2 mil**
- Net increase on taxable property in town.**
- Tax Rate – with 96% collection rate at \$0.714 per thousand**

A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Mary Delisio to set the new tax rate at \$0.72 per thousand for the proposed 2014-2015 budget at an approximate 96% collection rate.

VOTED: That the Board set the new tax rate at \$0.72 per thousand for the proposed 2014-2015 budget at an approximate 96% collection rate. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

MODERATOR

- The moderator received a letter from two lifeguards regarding raises.

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Russ Ryan that we do not increase any salaries for beach personnel until we develop a compensation salary chart for all employees.

VOTED: That the Board does not increase any salaries for beach personnel until we develop a compensation salary chart for all employees. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

- The Moderator received a letter from a taxpayer who was upset that there are no absentee ballots for the election and felt that a vote can still happen if the ballot was put in envelope. Letter filed with the clerk.

TREASURER

- **Over-expended by \$36,000 on beach buildings.**

A motion was made by Dianne Vumback and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to move the under-expended funds in the following budget items (Beach Account \$29,212.91; Insurance \$10,032.80; and Rubbish \$1,500.00) totaling \$40,745.71 be applied to the follow over-expended accounts (Fire Department \$4,242.82 and Capital Expenditures \$36,502.89), totaling \$40,745.71.

VOTED: That the Board to move the under-expended funds in the following budget items (Beach Account \$29,212.91; Insurance \$10,032.80; and Rubbish \$1,500.00) totaling \$40,745.71 be applied to the follow over-expended accounts (Fire Department \$4,242.82 and Capital Expenditures \$36,502.89), totaling \$40,745.71. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

A motion was made by Dianne Vumback and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to carry over under-expenditures for beach buildings for \$93,000 to fiscal year 2014-2105.

VOTED: That the board carry over under-expenditures for beach buildings for \$93,000 to fiscal year 2014-2105. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

- **Flood Insurance – Wright Insurance Company – 5662/building. Building replacement cost of \$200,000, with a deductible of \$1,250.**

The board discussed increasing the deductible to reduce the cost of the policy.

A motion is made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Russ Ryan that we go forward with purchasing the flood insurance policies with a review of the deductible up to \$15,000 per building.

VOTED: That the board go forward with purchasing the flood insurance policies with a review of the deductible up to \$15,000 per building. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

- 18 items on Benson left for contractor to finish up.**
- Misquamicut Fire Department – Chief has to get secretary to get notices posted on website to be in compliance with state law.**
- It was noted that former Fire Chief Louis Misto cleared a call. There is equipment that needs to be retrieved (5 channel pager, radio equipment that is in his personal car) by Chief Earle within ten days. The board recommends that the Moderator discusses this with Chief Earle.**
- An email was received from Louis Misto that he wanted a copy of minutes, etc. – falls under public right to know act.**

OLD BUSINESS

National Grid energy audit.

- **Doug Turnberg mentioned to William Sisco that based on the gallons that have been used this year, the underground storage tank may be leaking. Questions arise over whether there is indeed an underground tank and what to do with it.**
- **We need to contact the oil company to find out where they have been supplying the oil – in the tank outside the fire station or the underground tank.**
- **Need confirmation there is an underground tank as no one is sure.**
- **We will table the National Grid Energy Audit and the underground storage tank until our next meeting.**

Meeting with the Department of Revenue and Secretary of State Office

- **July 30, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**
- **Purpose is to clear/clean up state website and answer any questions.**
- **Will clarify what should be done and their expectations.**

NEW BUSINESS

July 17, 2014 will be Smokey the Bear Parade.

A security system installed by New England Security would cost

\$1,211 with cameras for one; \$1,400 for the other.

A motion was made by Mary Delisio and seconded by Russ Ryan that we use New England Security for the installation of security systems on Benson and Lawton Avenue beaches.

VOTED: That the Board use New England Security for the installation of security systems on Benson and Lawton Avenue beaches. (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes; Sisco – No; D’Onofrio - abstains).

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. all were in favor. The next scheduled board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dianne Vumback
Clerk**